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**In the specification:**

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at Page 61, line 1 to read as follows:**

The node, whatever its nature, for example any of nodes 2012 - 2020 in Fig. 10A, 2062 - 2070 in Fig. 10B, 2112 - 2120 in Fig. 11A or 2162 - 2170 in Fig. 11B, typically includes circuitry which is required for both full functionality and reduced functionality operation, here termed "essential circuitry" and designated by reference numeral 2400, and circuitry which is not required for reduced functionality operation, here termed "non-essential circuitry" and designated by reference numeral 2402. For example, if the node comprises an IP telephone, the essential circuitry 2400 includes that circuitry enabling a user to speak and hear over the telephone, while the non-essential circuitry 2402 provides ancillary functions, such as automatic redial, telephone directory and speakerphone functionality. For example, if the node comprises a PC, workstation or other computer, the essential circuitry 2400 may comprise memory or a memory back-up unit.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at Page 64, line 23 to read as follows:**

The node, whatever its nature, for example any of nodes 2012 - 2020 in Fig. 10A, 2062 - 2070 in Fig. 10B, 2112 - 2120 in Fig. 11A or 2162 - 2170 in Fig. 11B, typically includes circuitry which is required for both full functionality and reduced functionality operation, here termed "essential circuitry" and designated by reference numeral 2500, and circuitry which is not required for reduced functionality operation, here termed "non-essential circuitry" and designated by

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reference numeral 2502. For example, if the node comprises an IP telephone, the essential circuitry 2500 includes that circuitry enabling a user to speak and hear over the telephone, while the non-essential circuitry 2502 provides ancillary functions, such as automatic redial, telephone directory and speakerphone functionality. For example, if the node comprises a PC, workstation or other computer, the essential circuitry 2500 may comprise memory or a memory back-up unit.